



ADDITIVES FOR CEMENT

BACKGROUND

[0001] The present invention provides an additive for cement, for preventing reduction of fluidity in the cement composition over time (referred to as "slump loss" below), for lowering viscosity, and to improve working efficiency. Such cement composition may be a cement paste, cement grout, cement mortar or concrete.

[0002] Various kinds of cement dispersants have been used for improving the fluidity of cement compositions. When a cement dispersant is used to produce a hydraulic composition without sufficient water, however, slump loss in the composition is generally considerable and deteriorates the working efficiency and ease of execution.

[0003] It has thus been proposed to use a water soluble copolymer, as a cement dispersant for preventing slump loss. Such water soluble copolymers include copolymers of maleic anhydride and an alkenyl ether, and derivatives of the copolymer (see Japanese patent publication S63-285140A, H02-163108A, H04-175253A and H04-175254A). When this kind of water soluble copolymer is used as a cement dispersant to prevent slump loss, however, setting time of the composition becomes longer.

[0004] For solving the above problems, it has been proposed that the above copolymer of an alkenyl ether and maleic anhydride are esterified with an alcohol having an alkenyl group or with an alcohol having nitrogen group (Japanese patent publication H06-271347A and H06-298556A). According to the copolymers, the slump loss can be effectively prevented and the setting time can be shortened.

SUMMARY

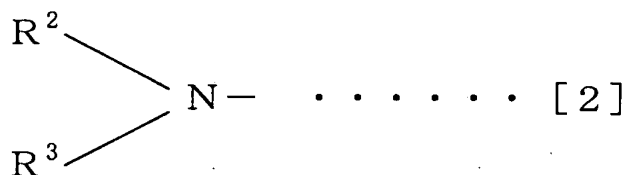
[0005] Cement compositions are placed in sites under a high temperature environment more and more due to recent warming of the earth. Under a high temperature environment, slump loss becomes more considerable, which is different from the behavior of slump loss at low or ambient temperature. Even if the copolymers described above are added to a cement composition, it may be difficult to sufficiently prevent the slump loss.

[0006] Further, a cement composition is flown into a site by compression with a pump and processed by hand in many sites. During the flowing of the composition by compression with a pump and the processing of by hand, it has been pointed out that the working efficiency is low due to the high viscosity of the composition.

[0007] An object of the present invention is to provide a cement additive for preventing slump loss under high temperature conditions over long periods of time, and to lower the viscosity of a cement composition to improve its working efficiency.

[0008] The present invention provides an additive for cement comprising the following component (A).

[0009] (A) A polycarboxylic acid series esterified copolymer obtained by esterifying a part or whole of carboxylic acid groups contained in a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer having a polyoxyalkylene chain with a derivative of an alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by the following formula (1).



[0010] R^1 represents a group of a heterocyclic ring having a nitrogen atom or a group represented by the above formula (2). R^2 and R^3 represent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 6 carbon atom(s), respectively and independently. "AO" represents an oxyalkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, $n1$ represents an average mole number of addition of the oxyalkylene group and 1 to 8.

[0011] The inventors have found that slump loss at high temperature can be prevented over a long period of time, and viscosity of the cement composition can be lowered in order to improve its working efficiency by esterifying a part or whole of carboxylic acid groups of a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer having a polyoxyalkylene chain with a derivative of an alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by the formula (1). Particularly, it is found that slump loss at high temperature can be considerably reduced by lowering the average mole number " $n1$ " of addition of the oxyalkylene group (AO) to 8 or lower, in the derivative (formula (1)) of an alcohol having an polyoxyalkylene used for esterifying carboxylic groups of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer. Further advantages of preventing slump loss at high temperature are difficult to predict based on experimental results of slump loss at ambient temperature (20 °C).

PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

[0012] The additive for cement of the present invention may be applied to hydraulic cement compositions such as cement paste, cement grout, mortar and concrete. Particularly, the inventive additive may be added into a concrete composition produced using a high performance water reducing agent or a high performance AE water reducing agent as a cement dispersant, during mixing step. In this case, slump loss can be prevented and working efficiency and ease of execution at working sites can be improved while maintaining high fluidity.

[0013] According to the cement additive of the present invention, the fluidity of a cement composition, such as cement paste, mortar and concrete, directly after the mixing step can be improved, even when the temperature of the cement composition is high. The additive further has an excellent water reducing property and superior slump retention effect, so that the resultant concrete has a low viscosity and excellent working efficiency. The cement additive of the present invention thus may be used as a water reducing agent for a ready mix concrete, a high performance AE water reducing agent or a fluidizing agent, or a high performance water reducing agent used for producing concrete secondary products to result in improvement of working efficiency and ease of execution at sites of civil engineering and construction.

[0014] The esterified polycarboxylic acid series copolymer of (A) component is produced by esterifying a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer, which contains a derivative of an alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and an unsaturated mono- or unsaturated polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound as essential components. The kind of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer is not particularly limited, as far as the copolymer has properties required for a cement additive.

[0015] The polycarboxylic acid series copolymer may preferably be the following:

[0016] A copolymer of (meth)acrylic acid-alkyl polyoxyalkylene (meth)acrylate compound, a copolymer of monoalkyl monoalkenyl ether of a polyoxyalkylene compound-maleic anhydride, a copolymer of styrene-alkyl polyoxyalkylene maleate, a copolymer of monoalkenyl ether of a polyoxyalkylene compound-maleic acid, (meth)acrylic acid-(meth)acryl amide of alkyl polyoxyalkylene compound, and the salts of the above listed copolymers. The expression of "(meth)acrylic" means "acrylic" or "methacrylic".

[0017] According to the component (A), a part or whole of carboxylic acid sites of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer is esterified with the derivative of an alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by formula (1).

[0018] Concerning a part of carboxylic acid sites of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer esterified with the derivative of alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by formula (1), only at least a part of carboxylic acid sites of the copolymer needs to be esterified. To preserve 20 percent or more of carboxylic acid sites may preferably be esterified. The ratio of esterified carboxylic sites with respect to total number of carboxylic sites can be controlled by adjusting charged ratio of the derivative of alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by formula (1) with respect to the number of polycarboxylic sites.

[0019] In formula (1), R^1 represents a heterocyclic ring having a nitrogen atom or a group represented by the formula (2).

[0020] In formula (1), the heterocyclic ring having a nitrogen atom and represented by R^1 includes pyrrole, imidazole, pyrazole, 3-pyrroline, pyrrolidine, pyridine, pyrimidine, piperazine, piperidine, 4-piperidino-piperidine, 4-(1-pyrrolidinyl)piperidine, quinazoline, quinoline, isoquinoline, carbazole or the like. The above listed heterocyclic rings may be used alone or in combination.

[0021] In formula (2), the hydrocarbon having 1 to 6 carbon atom(s) of R^2 or R^3 includes aliphatic and saturated hydrocarbon groups such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, neopentyl and hexyl groups; aliphatic and unsaturated hydrocarbon groups such as allyl and methallyl groups; alicyclic and saturated hydrocarbon groups such as cyclohexyl group; alicyclic and unsaturated hydrocarbon groups such as cyclopentenyl and cyclohexenyl groups; and aromatic hydrocarbon groups such as phenyl and benzyl groups. The above listed hydrocarbon groups may be used alone or in combination. R^2 and R^3 may be the same or different with each other. Each of R^2 and R^3 may most preferably be a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 4 carbon atom(s).

[0022] In formula (1), the oxyalkylene group represented by "AO" and having 2 to 4 carbon atoms includes oxyethylene, oxypropylene, 1,2-oxybutylene, oxytetramethylene groups, and may preferably be oxyethylene group. The oxyalkylene group may be used alone or in combination. When two or more of the oxyalkylene groups are used, the groups may be added in random or block addition.

[0023] According to the present invention, the average mole number "n1" of addition of the oxyalkylene group is limited in a range of 1 to 8. It is thus possible to considerably reduce slump loss of the cement composition at high temperature. The value of "n1" may preferably be 6 or lower, more preferably 5 or lower, and most preferably be 4 or lower.

[0024] According to the component (A), a part or whole of the carboxylic acid sites of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer may be esterified with the derivative of alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by formula (1), using an esterifying catalyst. Such esterifying catalyst includes hydroxides of alkali metals such as lithium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide; hydroxides of alkaline earth metals such as calcium hydroxide; basic catalysts such as sodium methoxide; and solid acid catalysts such as p-toluene sulfonic acid.

[0025] The additive composition for cement according to the present invention may contain a component (B), in addition to the component (A), so that the viscosity of the cement composition can be further reduced.

[0026] Component (B) is the derivative, represented by formula (1), of alcohol having polyoxyalkylene.

[0027] The weight ratio of components (A): (B) is 95: 5 to 100:0, and may preferably be 97:3 to 100:0.

[0028] When component (A) is produced, an excessive amount of the compound represented by formula (1) may be added so that component (B) is left in the resultant cement additive composition. Alternatively, after component (A) is produced, component (B) may be added to the cement additive.

[0029] The additive composition for cement according to the present invention may contain a component (C), a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer having a polyoxyalkylene chain used as a cement additive, in addition to component (A). It is thus possible to improve the initial fluidity of the cement composition.

[0030] Component (C) represents a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer having polyoxyalkylene chain which is not esterified with the derivative of alcohol having polyoxyalkylene.

[0031] Polycarboxylic acid series copolymer means a copolymer containing a polyoxyalkylene derivative and an unsaturated mono- or polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound as essential components. The kind of polycarboxylic acid series copolymer is not

particularly limited, as far as the copolymer has properties required as a cement additive. Most preferred copolymers will be described later.

[0032] The polycarboxylic acid series copolymer represented by component (C) is the same kind of material as the copolymer used for producing component (A) before esterification. It is not required that both of component (C) and the copolymer before esterification used for producing component (A) are the same.

[0033] The weight ratio of components (A) and (C) ((A):(C)) is 20:80 to 100:0, and may preferably be 30:70 to 80:20.

[0034] Further, the additive composition for cement according to the present invention may contain all the components (A), (B) and (C).

[0035] The weight ratio of the components (A), (B) and (C) ((A): (B): (C)) is 20:1:79 to 10:0:0, and may preferably be 30:1:69 to 80:0:20.

[0036] According to a preferred embodiment, the molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer, which is a material for component (A), and the amine value of component (A) satisfy the relationship of formula (3a). It is thus possible to obtain excellent initial fluidity and performance as a fluidity preserving agent in good balance.

[0037] Molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene site of polycarboxylic acid copolymer/amine value of component (A) = 15 to 150 · · · · · (3a)

[0038] When the inventive composition contains components (A) and (B), it is preferred that the molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer and the amine value of a mixture of the components (A) and (B) satisfy the relationship of formula (3b).

Molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer/amine value of a mixture of components (A) and (B) = 15 to 150 · · · · · (3b)

[0039] When the inventive composition contains components (A), (B) and (C), it is preferred that the molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer and the amine value of a mixture of components (A), (B) and (C) satisfy the relationship of formula (3c).

Molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer/ amine value of a mixture of components (A), (B) and (C) = 15 to 150 · · · · · (3c)

[0040] When the inventive composition contains components (A) and (C), it is preferred that the molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid

copolymer and the amine value of a mixture of components (A) and (C) satisfies the relationship of formula (3d).

Molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer/ amine value of a mixture of components (A) and (C) = 15 to 150 · · · · (3d)

[0041] According to the present invention, the molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic copolymer is a molecular weight of a polyoxyalkylene compound used as a material for producing component (A). The amine value is a representation of mole number of amine groups with respect to the whole product represented by an equivalent weight (mg) of potassium hydroxide.

[0042] It is possible to further improve the water reducing property of the cement additive by adjusting the ratio of molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer/the amine value to 15 or higher (more preferably 20 or higher).

[0043] It is possible to further improve the performance of the additive as a fluidity preserving agent and further lower the viscosity of the raw cement composition by adjusting the ratio of molecular weight of the polyoxyalkylene site of the polycarboxylic acid copolymer/the amine value to 150 or lower (more preferably 130 or lower).

[0044] When an optional component is contained in the additive composition for cement other than components (A), (B) and (C), the amine value can be measured and calculated after components (A), (B) and (C) are extracted from the additive composition for cement.

[0045] If it is difficult to extract components (A), (B) and (C) from the additive composition for cement, the amine value can be obtained by the following calculation.

[0046] That is, water content is removed from the additive composition for cement to obtain dried matter, which is then subjected to analysis using NMR and gel permeation chromatography to calculate the ratio of each component. The contents of components (A), (B) and (C) are calculated, respectively, based on the above results. Further, the amine value of the additive composition for cement (dried matter) is measured. The amine value is then calculated according to the following formula.

The amine value =

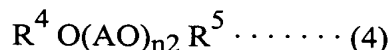
Amine value of dried matter ×

(total weight of components (A), (B) and (C))/ total weight of dried matter

[0047] The copolymer constituting the component (A) or (C) may more preferably be the following.

[0048] The polycarboxylic acid series copolymer constituting the component (A) or (C) may preferably be a copolymer comprising, as essential components,

(a) a polyoxyalkylene derivative represented by the following formula (4),



[0049] (In the formula, R^4 represents an unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, R^5 represents a saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 8 carbon atom(s), "AO" represents oxyalkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and "n2" represents an average mole number of addition of the oxyalkylene group and 10 to 100) and
(b) an unsaturated polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound.

[0050] A single type of the compound represented by formula (4) can be used in the resulting copolymer. Alternatively, different compounds represented by the formula (4), in which R^4 , R^5 , "AO" or "n2" are different from each other, can be mixed for producing a copolymer,

[0051] In formula (4), the unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms represented by R^4 includes aliphatic unsaturated hydrocarbon groups such as vinyl, allyl, methallyl, 1-methyl-1-butenyl, 2-methyl-2-propenyl groups; and alicyclic unsaturated hydrocarbon group such as cyclopentenyl and cyclohexenyl groups. The hydrocarbon groups may be used alone or in combination. Allyl and methallyl groups are particularly preferred. Methallyl group is most preferred for improving the initial fluidity of raw cement composition.

[0052] In formula (4), the saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 8 carbon atom(s) represented by R^5 includes an aliphatic saturated hydrocarbon group such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, and tert-butyl groups. The hydrocarbon group may be used alone or in combination. R^5 may more preferably be hydrogen atom or a saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 4 carbon atom(s). R^5 may most preferably be a methyl group or hydrogen atom.

[0053] In formula (4), the oxyalkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms represented by "AO" includes oxyethylene, oxypropylene, 1,2-oxybutylene and oxytetramethylene groups. Two or more oxyalkylene groups may be added with each other in random or block addition. The average mole number "n2" of addition of oxyalkylene groups

is 10 to 100 and may preferably be 20 to 50. It is thus possible to further improve the water reduction property of the additive for cement.

[0054] According to a preferred embodiment, oxyethylene group occupies 50 mole percent or more, more preferably 80 mole percent or more, of oxyalkylene group constituting "AO". It is thus possible to further improve the water solubility and water reducing property of the inventive additive.

[0055] Unsaturated and polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound is not particularly limited, as far as the compound can co-polymerize with the polyoxyalkylene derivative to provide the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer. Unsaturated polyvalent carboxylic acid compounds include di-carboxylic acid monomers such as maleic acid, itaconic acid and fumaric acid, and the anhydride or salt (for example, alkali metal salt, alkaline earth metal salt and ammonium salt) of the dicarboxylic acid monomer.

[0056] According to a preferred embodiment, the unsaturated and polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound is a maleic acid series compound, and more preferably maleic acid, maleic anhydride, the salt of maleic acid or the mixture thereof.

[0057] The salt of maleic acid includes alkali metal salts such as mono-lithium salt, di-lithium salt, mono-sodium salt, di-sodium salt, mono-potassium salt, di-potassium salt; alkaline earth metal salts such as calcium salt and magnesium salt; and ammonium salts such as ammonium salt and di-ammonium salt. The compounds may be used alone or in combination.

[0058] After (a) and (b) are copolymerized, still another monomer capable of copolymerization may be added. Such monomer includes styrene, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, sodium allyl sulfonate, allyl sulfonate, sodium methallyl sulfonate, methallyl sulfonate, vinyl acetate and allyl acetate. The additional monomer may be used alone or in combination. The additional monomer may preferably be added in 3 to 40 mole percent in the copolymer, for the purpose of improving initial fluidity.

[0059] The molar ratio of (a) and (b) may preferably be 1:1 to 1:3 and more preferably be 1:1 to 1:2 in the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer.

[0060] The weight average molecular weight of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymer may preferably be 5000 to 50000.

[0061] (a) and (b) may be polymerized using a polymerization initiator including peroxide series initiators such as benzoyl peroxide; azo-series polymerization initiators such

as 2, 2'-azobisisobutyronitrile; and persulfate series initiators such as ammonium persulfate. Further, a chain transfer agent may be optionally used for the polymerization.

[0062] The additive for cement according to the present invention may be added to cement pastes, which are compositions of various kinds of cements including portland cements such as ordinary cement, high-early-strength cement, moderate-heat cement, belite cement, and blended cements produced by adding blast furnace slag, fly ash, silica fume or limestone to these portland cements. Further, the additive of the present invention may be added to mortar produced by adding fine aggregate such as river sand, mountain sand and beach sand to the cement paste. Further, the additive of the present invention may be added to concrete produced by adding coarse aggregate such as river gravel, crushed stone and lightweight aggregate to the above mortar.

[0063] The inventive additive may be used by adding the additive into water used for mixing of mortar or concrete in advance, or by adding the additive into the composition simultaneously with water, or by adding the additive after the addition of water and before the end of mixing step. Further, the additive may be added to cement composition after the mixing of the composition is completed.

[0064] The additive for cement according to the present invention may be added to various kinds of cements, preferably in an amount of 0.01 to 2 weight percent and more preferably be in 0.05 to 1 weight percent. When the amount of the additive to cement is lower than 0.01 weight percent, the fluidity of the cement composition may be insufficient to prevent the effects of the present invention. When the amount of the additive to cement is higher larger than 2 weight percent, the separation of materials may occur or the setting time may be considerably longer.

[0065] The additive for cement according to the present invention may be used simultaneously with another additive for cement, as far as the effects of the present invention are not prevented.

[0066] Another additive includes, for example, other water reducing agents such as the salt of the condensation product of naphthalene sulfonic acid and formaldehyde, the salt of the condensation product of melamine sulfonic acid and formaldehyde, the salt of lignosulfonic acid and the salt of the condensation product of aromatic amino sulfonic acid and formaldehyde; an air-entraining agent; an antifoaming agent; a separation reducing agent; a retarder; an accelerator; an inflating agent; a dry shrinkage reducing agent; and a preservative.

EXAMPLES

[0067] The present invention will be described below referring to the following examples.

[0068] Table 1 shows the structures of compounds represented by formula 4 used in synthetic examples 1 to 9, the other monomers, maleic acid series compounds and the compositions of the monomers in the synthetic examples 1 to 9. In table 1, all the mole numbers of the compounds represent the molar ratios thereof.

Table 1

	synthetic example	copolymer	compound represented by formula (4) (mole)	the other monomers (mole)	maleic acid series compound (mole)
Polycarboxylic acid series copolymer used as cement additive	1	a	$H_2C=CHCH_2O(C_2H_4O)_{33}CH_3$ (1 . 0)	-	maleic anhydride (1 . 1)
	2	b	$H_2C=CHCH_2O(C_2H_4O)_{45}CH_3$ (1 . 0)	-	maleic anhydride (1 . 2)
	3	c	$H_2C=CHCH_2O(C_2H_4O)_{10}CH_3$ (1 . 0)	-	maleic anhydride (1 . 0)
	4	d	$H_2C=CHCH_2O(C_3H_8O)_8(C_2H_4O)_{16}C_4H_9$ (1 . 0)	-	maleic anhydride (1 . 0)
	5	e	$H_2C=CHCH_2O[(C_3H_8O)_2/(C_2H_4O)_{30}]H$ (1 . 0)	-	maleic acid (1 . 5) neutralized after polymerization with NaOH
	6	f	$H_2C=C(CH_3)CH_2O(C_2H_4O)_{23}CH_3$ (1 . 0)	-	maleic anhydride (1 . 8)
	7	g	$H_2C=CHCH_2O(C_2H_4O)_{33}CH_3$ (1 . 0)	vinyl acetate (0 . 15)	maleic anhydride (1 . 1)
	8	h	$H_2C=CHCH_2O(C_2H_4O)_{33}CH_3$ (1 . 0)	vinyl acetate (0 . 30)	maleic anhydride (1 . 3) neutralized with NaOH after polymerization
	9	i	Methacrylic acid-methoxy polyethylene glycol monomethacrylate average mole number of addition of ethylene oxide is 9, copolymer is not completely neutralized to a pH of 6		

(Synthetic example 1)

[0069] 5-liter pressurized reactor was charged with 64 grams of methanol and 2.0 grams of sodium methoxide as a catalyst and the air was replaced with nitrogen gas. 2904 grams of ethylene oxide was then gradually supplied into the reactor at a gauge pressure of 0.05 to 0.5 MPa to perform addition reaction at a temperature of 100 to 120 °C. The reactor was cooled to 50 °C after the reaction was terminated. After 112 grams of potassium hydroxide was supplied into the reactor and the air was replaced with nitrogen gas, 153 grams of allyl chloride was gradually added to the reaction mixture while stirring at 80 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hours until the reaction is terminated and then neutralized with hydrochloric acid. The resulting salt was removed as a byproduct to obtain the polyoxyalkylene compound represented by the formula (4) and shown in table 1.

[0070] 1524 grams (1 mole) of the above synthesized compound (4), 107.8 grams (1.1 mole) of maleic anhydride and 300 grams of toluene were weighed and charged into a 3-liter flask equipped with a mixer, thermometer, tube for introducing nitrogen gas, dropping funnel and reflux condenser. Under nitrogen atmosphere, 13.1 grams of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile as a polymerization initiator was dissolved into 262 grams of toluene and dropped into the flask at 85 ± 2 °C over 3 hours. After the dropping was terminated, the mixture was left for the reaction for additional 3 hours. Toluene was then removed under reduced pressure to obtain a copolymer "a". The thus obtained copolymer "a" has a weight average molecular weight of 20200 and a kinematic viscosity of 224 mm²/s at 100 °C.
(Synthetic example 2)

[0071] The polyoxyalkylene compound shown in table 1 was synthesized according to the same procedure as the synthetic example 1. 2052 grams (1 mole) of the polyoxyalkylene compound and 117.6 grams (1.2 mole) of maleic anhydride were weighed and charged in a 5-liter flask equipped with a mixer, thermometer and a tube for introducing nitrogen gas. 14.0 grams of benzoyl peroxide as an initiator was added to the mixture in batch at a temperature of 50 °C or lower to perform polymerization at 85 ± 2 °C for 5 hours to obtain a copolymer "b". The copolymer "b" had a weight average molecular weight of 23700 and a kinetic viscosity of 527 mm²/s at 100 °C.
(Synthetic example 3)

[0072] The polyoxyalkylene compound shown in table 1 was synthesized according to the same procedure as the synthetic example 1. 1024 grams (2 mole) of the polyoxyalkylene compound, 196 grams (2 mole) of maleic anhydride, and 300 grams of toluene were weighed and charged into the reactor same as the synthetic example 1. 12.1 grams of benzoyl peroxide as initiator was dissolved in 300 grams of toluene and dropped into the mixture under nitrogen atmosphere for copolymerization. Toluene was then removed to obtain a copolymer "c". The copolymer "c" had a weight average molecular weight of 21400 and a kinetic viscosity of 254 mm²/s at 100 °C.
(Synthetic example 4)

[0073] The polyoxyalkylene compound shown in table 1 was synthesized according to the same procedure as the synthetic example 1. 1274 grams (1.0 mole) of the polyoxyalkylene compound, 98 grams (1.0 mole) of maleic anhydride, and 300 grams of toluene were weighed and charged into the reaction mixture as the synthetic example 1. 8.6 grams of tert-butyl peroxy-2-ethyl hexanoate was dissolved in 100 grams of toluene and

dropped into the mixture under nitrogen atmosphere for copolymerization. Toluene was then removed to obtain a copolymer "d". The copolymer "d" had a weight average molecular weight of 26500 and a kinetic viscosity of 198 mm²/s at 100 °C.

(Synthetic example 5)

[0074] 5-liter pressurized reactor was charged with 116 grams of allyl alcohol and 3.0 grams of sodium hydroxide as a catalyst and the air was replaced with nitrogen gas. 2640 grams of ethylene oxide and 228 grams of propylene oxide were then gradually supplied into the reactor at a gauge pressure of 0.05 to 0.5 MPa to perform addition reaction at a temperature of 100 to 120 °C. The reactor was cooled to 50 °C after the reaction was terminated. After the reaction mixture was neutralized with hydrochloric acid, the resulting salt was removed as a byproduct to obtain the polyoxyalkylene compound represented by the formula (4) and shown in table 1.

[0075] 1492 grams (1 mole) of the above synthesized compound (4), 147 grams (1.5 mole) of maleic anhydride and 410 grams of ion exchange water were weighed and charged into a 3-liter flask equipped with a mixer, thermometer, tube for introducing nitrogen gas, dropping funnel and reflux condenser. Under nitrogen gas atmosphere, 5.8 grams of ammonium persulfate as a polymerization initiator was dissolved into 164 grams of ion exchange water and dropped into the flask at 85 ± 2 °C for 3 hours. After the dropping was terminated, the reaction mixture was left at 85 ± 2 °C for 3 hours for the reaction. The thus obtained copolymer "e" had a weight average molecular weight of 15600. After aqueous solution of the copolymer "e" was obtained, 150 grams of 40 % NaOH aqueous solution was added for neutralization to obtain 60 % aqueous solution of the copolymer "e".

(Synthetic example 6)

[0076] The polyoxyalkylene compound shown in table 1 was synthesized according to the same procedure as the synthetic example 1. 1098 grams (1.0 mole) of the polyoxyalkylene compound, 176.4 grams (1.8 mole) of maleic anhydride and 1275 grams of toluene were weighed and charged into the reaction mixture as the synthetic example 1. 8.2 grams of 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile was dissolved in 164 grams of toluene and dropped into the mixture under nitrogen atmosphere for copolymerization. Toluene was then removed to obtain a copolymer "f". The copolymer "f" had a weight average molecular weight of 19400 and a kinetic viscosity of 340 mm²/s at 100 °C.

(Synthetic example 7)

[0077] 1524 grams (1 mole) of the polyoxyalkylene compound shown in table 1, 107.8 grams (1.1 mole) of maleic anhydride, 12.9 grams (0.15 mole) of vinyl acetate and 300 grams of toluene were weighed and charged according to the procedure in the synthetic example 1. 9.4 grams of benzoyl peroxide as an initiator was dissolved in 95 grams of toluene and dropped into the mixture under nitrogen atmosphere for copolymerization. Toluene was then removed to obtain a target copolymer "g". The copolymer "g" had a weight average molecular weight of 19900 and a kinetic viscosity of 305 mm²/s at 100 °C.

(Synthetic example 8)

[0078] 1524 grams (1.0 mole) of the polyoxyalkylene compound shown in table 1, 127.4 grams (1.3 mole) of maleic anhydride, 25.8 grams (0.3 mole) of vinyl acetate and 300 grams of toluene were weighed and charged according to the procedure in the synthetic example 1. 13.1 grams of 2, 2'-azobisisobutyronitrile as initiator was dissolved in 262 grams of toluene and dropped into the mixture under nitrogen atmosphere for copolymerization. Toluene was then removed to obtain a target copolymer "h". The copolymer "h" had a weight average molecular weight of 23400 and a kinetic viscosity of 550 mm²/s at 100 °C. The thus obtained copolymer "h" was dissolved into ion exchange water to obtain aqueous solution, to which 40 % NaOH solution was added for neutralization.







(Synthetic example 9)

[0079] 390 grams of isopropyl alcohol (referred to as "IPA" below) was charged into 1-liter flask equipped with a thermometer, mixer, dropping funnel, tube for introducing gas and reflux condenser. The inside of the flask was replaced with nitrogen with stirring and heated to boiling point under nitrogen atmosphere. Mixture of 133 grams of methoxy polyethylene glycol monomethacrylate ("NK-ester M-9G" supplied by SHIN-NAKAMURA CHEMICAL CO., LTD; the average mole number of addition of ethylene oxide is 9), 27 grams of methacrylic acid, 2.44 grams of benzoyl peroxide and 240 grams of IPA was added over 120 minutes. After the addition, 0.49 grams of benzoyl peroxide dispersed into 10 grams of IPA and divided to two fractions was added to the mixture at an interval of 30 minutes. After the addition of monomers was completed, the temperature was held at the boiling point for 120 minutes to complete the polymerization reaction. After that, sodium hydroxide solution was added to adjust the pH of the mixture, and IPA was distilled to obtain aqueous solution of a copolymer "i".

Table 2

synthetic example	component (A)		component (B)
	polycarboxylic acid series copolymer used as cement additive (weight ratio)	compound represented by formula (1) (weight ratio)	compound represented by formula (1) (weight ratio)
10	a 91.8	$(C_2H_5)_2N(C_2H_4O)H$ 5.8	$(C_2H_5)_2N(C_2H_4O)H$ 2.4
11	a 90.0	$(C_4H_9)_2N(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 8.0	$(C_4H_9)_2N(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 2.0
12	a 84.7	$(CH_3)_2N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 7.0	$(CH_3)_2N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 3.3
13	a 52.0	$(CH_3)_2N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 48.0	なし
14	b 96.2	$(CH_3)_2N(C_2H_4O)H$ 3.8	なし
15	b 81.6	$(C_2H_5)_2N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 7.3	$(C_2H_5)_2N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 4.4
16	b 85.8	$(C_6H_5)_2N(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 12.2	$(C_6H_5)_2N(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 2.0
17	b 66.4	$(C_4H_9)_2N(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 33.6	なし

Table 3

synthetic example	component (A)		component (B)
	polycarboxylic acid series copolymer used as cement additive (weight)	compound represented by formula (1) (weight ratio)	compound represented by formula (1) (weight ratio)
18	b 92.8	 $N(C_2H_4O)H$ 7.2	None
19	f 83.4	 $N-(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 14.6	 $N-(C_2H_4O)_2H$ 2.0
20	g 90.4	 $N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 6.6	 $N(C_2H_4O)_3H$ 3.0
21	c 72.8	 $N(C_2H_4O)_4H$ 27.2	None

[0080] Tables 2 and 3 show compounds represented by formula (1) for component "A", polycarboxylic acid series copolymers, and compounds of component "B" used for the synthetic examples 10 to 21.

(Synthetic example 10)

[0081] 367 grams of the copolymer "a" and 23 grams of the compound represented by formula (1) and shown in table 2 were weighed and charged into a 2-liter flask equipped with a mixer, thermometer and tube for introducing nitrogen, and reacted under nitrogen gas at 100 ± 2 °C for 8 hours to obtain the component "A".

[0082] The whole of component "A" and 10 grams of component "B" shown in table 2 were weighed and mixed with stirring for 30 minutes at a temperature higher than the freezing point of the solution.

(Synthetic examples 11 to 21)

[0083] The copolymers shown in table 2 and compounds of formula (1) were weighed and reacted under nitrogen atmosphere at 100 ± 2 °C for 8 hours according to the same procedure as the synthetic example 10 to obtain the components (A).

[0084] "The compounds represented by formula (1)" used in the synthetic examples 18, 19, 20 and 21 were N-(2-hydroxyethyl) piperidine (n1=1), N-polyoxyethylene pyrrole (n1=2), N-polyoxyethylene piperidine (n=3) and 2-polyoxyethylene pyridine (n=4), respectively.

[0085] The whole of component (A) and component (B) shown in table 2 were weighed and mixed with stirring for 30 minutes at a temperature higher than the freezing point of each solution.

Table 4

composition example	cement additive of the present invention (weight ratio)		polycarboxylic acid series copolymer of component (C) (weight ratio)		molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene chain of polycarboxylic acid series copolymer of component (A)	amine value (KOHmg/g)	molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene chain/ amine value
1	synthetic example 10	40	a	60	1524	15.9	96
2	synthetic example 11	80	b	20	1524	19.1	80
3	synthetic example 12	60	c	40	1524	20.5	74
4	synthetic example 13	50	a	50	1524	8.9	171
5	synthetic example 14	55	b	45	2052	14.8	126
6	synthetic example 15	70	d	30	2052	21.0	98
7	synthetic example 16	60	e	40	2052	14.3	122
8	synthetic example 17	50	b	50	2052	8.3	249
9	synthetic example 18	60	h	40	2052	19.0	108
10	synthetic example 19	50	f	50	1098	30.1	37
11	synthetic example 20	100	None	—	1524	31.1	61
12	synthetic example 21	40	i	60	512	24.1	21

[0086] Table 4 shows the numbers of synthetic examples used for cement additives, numbers of the polycarboxylic acid series copolymers of component "C", molecular weights of polyoxyalkylene sites of esterified polycarboxylic acid series copolymers for component (A), amine values of solution mainly consisting of component (A), and values of (molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene sites of esterified polycarboxylic acid series copolymers of component (A)/amine value of solution mainly consisting of component (A)) in composition examples.

(Method of measurement of amine value)

[0087] A sample is precisely weighed in a beaker, to which neutral ethanol (ethyl alcohol (99.5 V/V%)) is neutralized with N/2 hydrochloric acid standard solution using bromocresol green indicator direct before the use) is added to dissolve the sample. Several drops of bromocresol green indicator was added to the solution to titrate with N/2 hydrochloric acid. The end point is determined at the moment when the color of the solution was changed from green to yellow. The amine value is calculated according to the following equation.

$$\text{Amine value} = (28.05 \times F \times A) / W$$

A: used amount of N/2 hydrochloric acid standard solution

F: factor of N/2 hydrochloric acid standard solution

W: weight of taken sample (g)

(Composition example 1)

[0088] 400 grams of the compound synthesized in the synthetic example 10 and 600 grams of the copolymer "a" of component "C" were weighed, charged into 2-liter flask

equipped with a mixer, thermometer and tube for introducing nitrogen gas, and mixed with stirring for 30 minutes at a temperature higher than the freezing point of the solution. The thus obtained solution had an amine value of 15.9. After that, ion exchange water was added to obtain 60 % aqueous solution.

(Composition examples 2 to 12)

[0089] Compounds synthesized in synthetic examples 11 to 21 and copolymers of component (C) (taken as 60% aqueous solution in copolymers "e", "h" and "i") were mixed according to compositions shown in table 4 and the same procedure as the composition example 1 and the amine value was measured. The amine value of the thus obtained solution was shown in table 4. In compositions using the copolymers "e", "h" and "i", the amine value was measured after the solution was dehydrated.

[0090] The additives for cement according to the above composition examples were used to perform slump test and measurement of viscosity as described below. The experimental results were shown in tables 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Table 5

	cement additive	20°C					30°C				
		added amount (C×%)	slump (c m) direct after mixing	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes	added amount (C×%)	slump (c m) direct after mixing	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes
example 1	composition example 1	1.50	19.4	19.8	20.2	20.0	1.45	19.8	20.0	19.6	19.0
example 2	composition example 2	1.50	19.2	19.7	20.3	20.0	1.45	20.3	20.4	19.7	19.0
example 3	composition example 3	1.50	19.9	20.4	20.9	20.5	1.45	20.2	20.5	20.0	19.6
comparative example 1	composition example 4	1.55	19.0	20.0	19.5	19.0	1.50	20.2	18.6	17.0	15.4

Table 6

	cement additive	20°C					30°C				
		added amount (C×%)	slump (c m) direct after mixing	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes	added amount (C×%)	slump (c m) direct after mixing	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes
example 4	composition example 5	1.50	19.5	19.7	20.0	19.8	1.45	20.0	20.3	19.6	19.0
example 5	composition example 6	1.50	19.3	19.8	20.2	20.0	1.50	20.2	20.4	19.9	19.2
example 6	composition example 7	1.50	19.6	20.0	20.4	20.2	1.50	20.1	20.4	19.8	19.4
comparative example 2	composition example 8	1.55	19.1	20.1	19.6	19.0	1.55	20.0	18.3	16.6	14.9

Table 7

	cement additive	20°C					30°C				
		added amount (C×%)	slump (c m)				added amount (C×%)	slump (c m)			
			direct after mixing	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes		direct after mixing	30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes
example 7	composition example 9	1.50	19.5	19.7	20.0	19.8	1.45	20.2	20.6	20.0	19.2
example 8	composition example 10	1.50	19.3	19.8	20.2	20.0	1.45	20.0	20.4	19.8	19.1
example 9	composition example 11	1.50	19.6	20.0	20.4	20.2	1.45	20.0	20.5	20.0	19.0
example 10	composition example 12	1.50	18.9	19.5	20.1	19.8	1.45	20.0	20.4	20.0	19.2

(Example 1)

[0091] The solution of the cement additive obtained in composition example 1 was diluted with ion exchange water to adjust the content of aqueous solution at 20 weight percent, to which an anti foaming agent ("DISFOAM CC-118" supplied by NOF CORPORATION) was added. Concrete was prepared in a laboratory at room temperature of 20 °C or 30 °C as follows. 10.9 kg of cement (ordinary portland cement), 26.0 kg of fine aggregates (river sands from Ooi river; specific gravity of 2.60) and 28.9 kg of coarse aggregates (crushed stones from Oume: specific gravity of 2.66) were supplied into a 50-liter forced biaxial mixing type mixer to perform dry mixing for 15 seconds. After that, the above additive for cement was added to the mixture in an amount of 164 grams at 20 °C or 153 grams at 30 °C with 4.4 kg of civil water and mixed for 2 minutes. The amount was controlled so that the slump of the composition direct after the mixing is 20 ± 1 cm. The composition was discharged to a vat for retempering to measure the slumps of the composition direct, 30 minutes, 60 minutes and 90 minutes after the mixing. It was confirmed that air content was 4.5 ± 1.0 % and the temperature was 20 ± 2 °C or 30 ± 2 °C between time points direct after and 90 minutes after the mixing. The results were shown in table 5. Column of "added amount" indicates that as 20 % aqueous solution.

(Examples 2 to 10)

[0092] Solutions of additives for cement obtained according to composition examples 2, 3, 5 to 7 and 9 to 12 were used to perform the tests of concrete according to the same procedure as the example 1 and added amounts shown in tables 5, 6 and 7. The thus obtained results were shown in tables 5 to 7.

(Comparative examples 1 and 2)

[0093] Solutions of copolymers obtained in compositions 4 and 8 were used to perform the tests of concrete, according to the same procedure as the example 1 and added amounts shown in tables 5 and 6. The thus obtained results were shown in tables 5 and 6.

[0094] According to the above results, the cement additives according to the examples 1 to 10 of the present invention have superior water reducing property compared with that of the cement additives of comparative examples 1 and 2. It is proved that desired fluidity can thereby be maintained 90 minutes after the mixing even at a high temperature.

[0095] For example, referring to table 5, according to the inventive examples 1, 2 and 3, slump at 20 °C has a peak at a time point of more than 60 minutes after the mixing and is larger than 20 cm until 90 minutes after the mixing. According to the comparative example 1, although slump has a peak at a time point of more than 30 minutes after the mixing, the peak is small and slump is 19.0 cm even at 90 minutes after the mixing. The improvement of slump loss by the cement additives of the inventive examples 1 to 3 was relatively small at 20 °C. Contrary to this, when the cement additive of comparative example 1 was used at 30 °C, the slump takes a peak value direct after the mixing and is continuously lowered to about 15 cm until a time point of 90 minutes after the mixing. Contrary to this, according to the inventive examples 1, 2 and 3, slump takes a peak at a time point of more than 30 minutes after the mixing and is higher than 19.0 cm even at 90 minutes after the mixing. The effects of prevention of slump loss at 30 °C according to the present invention proved to be considerable compared with that in the comparative example, and could not be predicted based on the data at ambient temperature (20 °C).

[0096] The results shown in table 6 was substantially the same as those described above.

Table 8

	cement additive	added amount (C × %)	Slump direct after mixing (c m)	evaluation of viscosity average
example 1 1	composition example 2	1 . 5 0	2 0 . 0	1 . 3
example 1 2	composition example 7	1 . 5 0	2 0 . 5	1 . 7
example 1 3	composition example 9	1 . 5 0	2 0 . 2	2 . 0
comparative example 3	composition example 4	1 . 5 5	2 0 . 3	3 . 0
comparative example 4	composition example 8	1 . 5 5	1 9 . 8	3 . 7

[0097] The cement additives shown in table 8 were evaluated for the viscosity.
(Example 11)

[0098] The cement additive obtained in composition example 2 was prepared according to the same procedure as example 1 with an anti forming agent added. Concrete was prepared in a laboratory at room temperature of 20 °C as follows. 10.9 kg of cement (ordinary portland cement), 25.0 kg of fine aggregates (rough sands from Kimitsu; specific gravity of 2.50) and 29.4 kg of coarse aggregates (crushed stones from Shuhou; specific gravity of 2.71) were supplied into a 50-liter forced biaxial mixing type mixer to perform dry mixing for 15 seconds. After that, the above additive for cement was added to the mixture in an amount of 164 grams with 4.4 kg of civil water and mixed for 2 minutes. The composition was discharged onto a vat for retempering. It was confirmed that the slump of the composition is 20 ± 1 cm and the air content was 4.5 ± 1.0 % direct after the mixing. The following items were evaluated by three persons using scoops and the average was calculated to evaluate the viscosity. The results were shown in table 8.

(Evaluation of viscosity)

[0099] Mixed raw concrete was leveled by a scoop and one of the following items was selected.

[0100] 1: low viscosity: substantially easy to handle

[0101] 2: low viscosity: easy to handle

[0102] 3: high viscosity: slightly difficult to handle

[0103] 4: high viscosity: substantially difficult to handle
(Examples 12 and 13)

[0104] The cement additives obtained in compositions 7 and 9 were used to prepare additive compositions for cement according to the same procedure as the example 11. After that, concrete was prepared according to the same procedure as the example 11, and the viscosity was evaluated using a scoop. The results were shown in table 8.
(Comparative examples 3 and 4)

[0105] The cement additives obtained in compositions 4 and 8 were used to prepare additive compositions for cement according to the same procedure as the example 11. After that, concrete was prepared according to the same procedure as the example 11, and the viscosity was evaluated using a scoop. The results were shown in table 8.

[0106] As shown in the above results, the cement additives used in the inventive examples 11 to 13 exhibit the effect of considerably lowering the viscosity of the cement composition compared with those used in the comparative examples 3 and 4. The working efficiency of the cement composition can thus be improved.

[0107] As described above, the present invention provides a cement additive so that slump loss at high temperature can be prevented over a long period of time, the viscosity of raw concrete or the like produced can be lowered, and the working efficiency of the cement composition can be improved.